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shall be no earlier than the manufacturing date of the original vehicle, and no later than the date alterations were completed. However, in the case of passenger cars, the expression "and bumper":

(1) May, at the option of the manufacturer, be included in the statement following the word "safety"; and

(2) Shall be included in the statement following the word "safety" in the case of passenger cars manufactured on or after September 1, 1978.

(b) If the gross vehicle weight rating or any of the gross axle weight ratings of the vehicle as altered are different from those shown on the original certification label, the modified values shall be provided in the form specified in § 567.4(g) (3) and (5).

(c) If the vehicle as altered has a different type classification from that shown on the original certification label, the type as modified shall be provided.

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### § 568.1 Purpose and scope.

The purpose of this part is to prescribe the method by which manufacturers of vehicles manufactured in two or more stages shall ensure conformity of those vehicles with the Federal motor vehicle safety standards ("standards") and other regulations is-

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sued under the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

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### § 568.2 Application.

This part applies to incomplete vehicle manufacturers, intermediate manufacturers, and final-stage manufacturers of vehicles manufactured in two or more stages.

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### § 568.3 Definitions.

*Completed vehicle* means a vehicle that requires no further manufacturing operations to perform its intended function, other than the addition of readily attachable components, such as mirrors or tire and rim assemblies, or minor finishing operations such as painting.

*Final-stage manufacturer* means a person who performs such manufacturing operations on an incomplete vehicle that it becomes a completed vehicle.

*Incomplete vehicle* means an assembly consisting, as a minimum, of frame and chassis structure, power train, steering system, suspension system, and braking system, to the extent that those systems are to be part of the completed vehicle, that requires further manufacturing operations, other than the addition of readily attachable components, such as mirrors or tire and rim assemblies, or minor finishing operations such as painting, to become a completed vehicle.

*Intermediate manufacturer* means a person, other than the incomplete vehicle manufacturer or the final-stage manufacturer, who performs manufacturing operations on an incomplete vehicle.

*Incomplete vehicle manufacturer* means a person who manufactures an incomplete vehicle by assembling components none of which, taken separately, constitute an incomplete vehicle.

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### § 568.4 Requirements for incomplete vehicle manufacturers.

(a) The incomplete vehicle manufacturer shall furnish with the incomplete